

SENATE JUDICIARY  
EXHIBIT NO. 4  
DATE 1/16/09  
BILL NO. SB 0191

January 15, 2009

Senate Judiciary Committee  
Capitol Building  
Helena, MT

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing this letter to offer my support for SB 0191. I am a Council Member for the City of Three Forks, Gallatin County.

We have a small court in our City Hall that meets every Tuesday evening. We have a small Police Department with a staff of three, that at times has to pull an officer off day-to-day duties to offer security within the courtroom. With such a small force already, removal of an officer can be detrimental to the safety of the City residents, causing delays to an officer's response time for an emergency call. SB 0191's proposal of a \$10 surcharge that could be used towards the courtroom's security could benefit a city of our size by allowing us to save enough to purchase metal detectors, cameras and the like that could help deter violence within the courtroom.

I ask for your support to pass SB 0191.

Thank you for your consideration.



Crystal Turner, Council Member  
City of Three Forks  
PO Box 126  
Three Forks, MT 59752